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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Koji ARIHARA

Title: TILT ADJUSTABLE STEERING
COLUMN ASSEMBLY

Appl. No.: 10/629,704

Filing Date: 7/30/2003

Examiner: J. M. Krause

Art Unit: 3682

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra			Additional Claims Fee
			Claims Present	Rate		
Total Claims:	9	-	20	=	0 x \$50.00 =	\$0.00

Independent Claims:	1	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$360.00 =									\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL =									\$0.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: \$0.00		
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: \$0.00		
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):	\$0.00	\$0.00
Extension Fees Previously Paid: \$0.00		
TOTAL FEE: \$0.00		

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 6, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: